

**From:** skits@bigfoot.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, Jan 23, 2003 9:52 AM  
**Subject:** Consider The Needs Of Children!

FCC Commissioner Jonathan **S.** Adelstein

Dear FCC Commissioner Jonathan **S.** Adelstein.

I urge the FCC to consider the distinct needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in the development of children.

The relaxation of media ownership rules will result in significantly less original programming for children. Relaxation also will reduce competition, potentially stifling innovation and increasing commercialism in children's programming.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

Steve Alley  
P.O. Box 773  
Corona, California 92878

cc:  
Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Senator Barbara Boxer  
Representative Kevin Calvert

From: allstateflag@pennswoods.net  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: 12/22/02 12:45PM  
Subject: re: Media concentration

Dear Sir,

Media concentration is already heavy enough due to previous FCC rulings loosening restraint on multiple ownership. This has only served to benefit a few of the largest media corporation without providing clear benefits to the public.

We've done more than enough along these lines. Please hold the line and prevent any more media concentration which tends to restrict the flow of information and opinions.

Sincerely,  
Tom Freeman

**From:** Dave Fassler  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 12/22/02 1:26PM  
**Subject:** Public Meetings on Ownership

Dear Mr Powell:

Since media ownership effects all Americans and our democratic institutions, the FCC should hold public meetings not just in the mid atlantic region, but in the top 10 or 15 media markets for public comment.

I live on the west coast, and as an individual, it is very difficult for me to take time off work to attend a meeting on the east coast.

Since private media is utilizing a public good (air waves), please consider having meetings held for public comment in major media markets.

Thank you in advance for your consideration

Dave Fassler

quote from FCC web site.

Powell said, "The Commission is committed to developing a set of media ownership rules that are internally consistent, tailored to the modern media marketplace and empirically justified. The public interest, and the courts, demand nothing less."

**From:** Norm Coenen  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 12/22/022:35PM  
**Subject:** PLEASE OPPOSE LOOSENING MEDIA OWNERSHIP STANDARDS

Please, the media monopoly is already too big... Respectfully request you "tighten" your standards and restrict the growth of the media monopoly in the USA...

Please, oppose loosening media ownership standards

Thank you for your consideration. I appreciate

Respectfully,

Norm Coenen

**From:** Kenneth McLemore  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 12/22/027:09PM  
**Subject:** The Media Monoply

Dear Mr. Powell,  
I am opposed to all plans to loosen current ownership restrictions.  
I urge you to tighten current standards and restrict the growth of the media monopoly in America

Kenneth McLemore  
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**From:** Phyla105@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 12/28/02 5:01PM  
**Subject:** we need more media options not less

Please oppose loosening media ownership standards and restrict the growth of media monopoly in America.

**From:** Mebmeb7777@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 12/30/02 5:25AM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

<PRE>Please do not allow further consolidation of the media. Tighten the standards and do not allow the media monopoly in the USA. Thank

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**CC:** Mebmeb7777@aol.com

**From:** George Strodman  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 12/30/02 4:14PM  
**Subject:** FW: Loosening media ownership standards

> [Original Message]  
> From: George Strodman <scout19@earthlink.net>  
> To: <kabernat@fcc.gov>  
> Cc: <mcopps@fcc.gov>  
> Date: 12/30/02 1:14:48 PM  
> Subject: Loosening media ownership standards  
>  
> Please do not loosen ownership standards for the media. They already  
speak with one voice. I seldom see but one viewpoint and I am afraid that  
if you allow the rich owners of the dominant media to swallow up the media  
outlets under a few owners, the situation will get even worse. You should  
began to bust up the existing monopolies **so** as to give the 1st amendment  
some meaning.  
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--- George Strodman  
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**CC:** Commissioner Adelstein



**From:** Richard W. McDaniel  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 12/30/02 11:11PM  
**Subject:** In The Matter Of: Loosening Media Ownership Regs

30Dec2002 22:10CST.. This was received as a fax and is being relayed via email on the Inet.... Too late for surface letter mail...

QUOTE

FCC

Chairman Michael K. Powell  
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

In The Matter Of: Loosening Media Ownership Regs

I adamantly oppose any further loosening of the media ownership standards affecting the broadcast media regulated by the Commission. The entire precept of "Free Press" is quickly becoming 'The freedom of the press belongs to whomever owns the press.' For our Freedoms to continue a vibrant press must deliver a diversity of opinion for consumer consumption; in spite of (and not because of) FCC regulation of the broadcast media, media conglomerates are making a "dead letter" of yet another guarantee enumerated in the Bill Of Rights. I'm not certain we need more regulation; I am certain we do not need less. As always, stricter enforcement of existing Rules and Regulations is essential. Please stand firm against any move to expand media monopoly in American. Thank You.

Respectfully,

Robert G. Wheaton  
16015 White Fawn Drive  
San Antonio, Texas 78255-1042

"UNQUOTE

relayed by: Richard W. McDaniel, 143 Stonegate South, Boerne Texas 78006-3410  
Count me in as in agreement with what Mr. Wheaton indicated above.  
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From: brianady413@yahoo.com  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: 1/1/03 3:50AM  
Subject: Re: Assisting Free Markets

Chairman Michael K. Powell:

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -  
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MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

A substantial opportunity for increasing free market action in communication, which also would increase US government revenues, lies before your organization. Would you move to auction broadcast licences for various spectra, in sizes and quantities small enough to induce truly competitive bidding among large numbers of small and large bidders?

Furthermore, I am also writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

Brian Cady

75 Monmouth Street  
Brookline, MA, 02446

**From:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**To:** KAQUINN  
**Date:** 1/1/03 3:50AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Assisting Free Markets

**From:** Aaron Sikes  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps. KM KJMWEB. Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** 1/1/03 5:25PM  
**Subject:** Free Speech, Public Airwaves, and Corporate Greed

Dear Commissioners, Senators, and Representatives,  
Please halt the actions taking place with regards to the FCC's deregulation of the airwaves. Private ownership of such a far reaching tool of communication is in direct opposition to the 1st Amendment's guarantee of free speech for all. If the airwaves are owned by the major media corporations, they will be able to select which views, which voices, which opinions, and which facts are heard by the majority of the people in this country. This is simply the most wrong-headed behavior by a government organization that I can imagine, and I call on you to put a stop to it immediately!  
We deserve the opportunity to hear a diverse range of views, ideas, and voices. We are the country that was founded upon the principle of every voice counting equally. DO NOT LET A SELECT FEW CHOOSE WHO WILL SPEAK FOR **US** ALL!

Thank you,

Aaron J. Sikes

**CC:** senator@boxer.senate.gov, senator@feinstein.senate.gov, doug.ose@mail.house.gov, thompson@mail.house.gov

**From:** ctier44@aug.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/1/03 7:15PM  
**Subject:** FCC=Tighten Standards

Chairman Powell:

Please TIGHTEN STANDARDS ON MEDIA MONOPOLY

Down here in Jacksonville, Florida, we have one company running two of the four *TV* news stations. It is a joke. They both run the same news and "often" can't even bring up what they are suppose to be showing because of some technical problems, for what ever reason. They too many times show world news that is false. They say nothing about what Congress is doing unless it fits their needs. It is easy to see who they like and don't.

What we really need is different people and companies owning *TV* stations so we can get more news instead of less. Down here all four *TV* news stations show almost exactly the same thing. They all show the weather at the same time but I will say, that is all different.

Please TIGHTEN STANDARDS ON MEDIA MONOPOLY.

Carl Vautier, St. Augustine, FL

From: patty@inch.com  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: 1/2/03 12:49PM  
**Subject:** The Airwaves are supposed to belong to the people, not Corporations

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There ~~is~~ already too much consolidation and I think it is just going to  
ruin the country and stifle debate.

We need as many opinions to be represented, - Not less

therefore:

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decision-making venue when questions as profound as the freedom of our  
media are at stake. I encourage the Commissioners to come out and meet  
some of the people who do not have a financial interest in this issue, but

a social interest

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

Patricia Heffley  
Coalition for a democratic Pacifica - New York City.

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**From:** ann-pams@hotmail.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/2/03 3:38PM  
**Subject:** The airwaves belong to the people -- preserve diversity in Media!

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I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I strongly oppose any further weakening of the rules regarding media ownership. These rules insure competition, diversity and localism in the media market. The elimination of these rules would allow powerful companies in the broadcast industry to monopolize the airwaves that belong to all US citizens.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

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Thank you,

**Ann Sarnuelson**

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**From:** heneger@pacbell.net  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/2/03 4:16 PM  
**Subject:** Those who are awake are watching you

Chairman Michael K. Powell:

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I must say that the endeavors of those in charge are of no surprise to me. My Name is Damon M heneger and I live in Eldorado County in Ca. I have studied the human as a need to raise my two daughters in an intelligent sane humane way. I must tell you that any action taken that isn't lovingly kind is a delusion of excuses to perpetuate ones own personal selfishness. Jesus and all other humane individuals throughout time have made it perfectly clear how we as individuals can bring ballance to the local community as well as the world. Those who don't do lovingly kind behavior are imballanced and inhumane, perpetuating thier own personal imballances upon others. The human psycy is so evolved that there is no getting away from the fact that these perpetrators are actually desiring a mass revolution against themselves because the human has evolved to the point that it does recognize inhumane and human behavior and will find ballance, including making the imballanced, selfish individual to do what ever is needed to bring ballance back. If you don't understand, it's quite understandable as well as if you are making up excuses to continue on the path you are on. Ballance shall be achieved even if you don't know you are doing it. The evolved on the planet know this and worry not, for we are running you whether you see it or not. The human is far more than you can perceive and shall bring ballance no matter how much more than your share that you try to hoard due to your insecurities. Loving kindness is the ONLY reality for it has NO agenda. Otherwise if one isn't lovingly kind in all they do, they are living a fantasy that allows the evolved to monitor and ballance thier perceived realities.

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From: Ralph Wessinger  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: 1/2/03 6:35PM  
Subject: **SHVIA** (Local Channel Broadcast)

I am currently a subscriber to Dish Network and have tried to obtain local broadcast channels. I have been unsuccessful due to government regulations. I live in an area where outside antennas are not allowed and I don't think it is right for me to have to pay a cable company to receive the local broadcast channels. This would mean that I have to pay two bills instead of one. I think it is time for the monopoly that the local cable company has on being able to broadcast the local networks needs to end.

If there is anything that I can do to help change the law concerning this I would be more than willing to do so. I have not been able to watch local network broadcast channels since I switched to Dish Network. going on five years now.

Sincerely,

Ralph Wessinger

--- Ralph Wessinger  
--- [cruisevip@earthlink.net](mailto:cruisevip@earthlink.net)  
--- EarthLink: The #1 provider of the Real Internet.

**From:** Mark  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** 1/3/03 4:01 PM  
**Subject:** Changing the broadband rules

Chairman Michael K. Powell

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Happy New Year! It seems like 2003 will be very interesting in the communication realm.

Where will the blind lead **us**? Dollar signs are blinding a lot of people to our collective detriment.

The Energy Consortium joined together and went on the warpath against citizens in America last couple of years. Heating, electricity and gasoline.

What Enron and friends did in California. What El Paso Natural gas does owning most of the pipelines

They restrict "flow" when its necessary for themselves to increase their profits

A "refinery fire" in Illinois makes gasoline prices spike all over the midwest and west coast. We're supposed to believe that's the only place where gasoline is produced. "Cleaner" fuel is in short supply, some kind of lie.

No justification for the theft going on in gas prices. There is not enough competition

Our natural resources are being plundered, the clean air and water standards are lowered because corporations know to make money they have to be dirty. Environmental damage, stock fraud, whatever is necessary to make money.

Citizens lives have been ruined by corporation mismanagement in our society and the government allowing those transactions to happen.

The FED allows investment banks to do extreme accounting and lending experiences. They protect those banks from failing. They didn't protect investors who got robbed and Wall Street continues to do their money grubbing evil on our society.

The communication world is next. Another CONTRACT ON AMERICA.

Its where all radio, N a n d newspapers are owned by one company

Didn't WORLDCOM try to be an ALL-IN-ONE phone, cable and internet company.

It was a cash cow play! \$408 Million for Bernie Ebbers and large payouts to the executives now under indictment.

None of this merging is for the citizen's benefit. Its investment banks and corporations payola deals under the table that aren't mentioned.

All this merging will end dreams! Its simple as that.

I'm trying to buy a radio station from ENTERCOM in Wichita, Kansas

The former KWSJ. 98.7 [www.kwsj.com](http://www.kwsj.com)

They have to buy another radio station before selling the one I'm after. I've talked to Jack Donlevie for months.

The radio station they want to buy is trying upgrade its power signal under some FCC investigation right now.

Entercom doesn't really like the broadcast power of the radio signal I want.

Its fine for me. I don't own other kinds of media at all. I'm tired of hearing ENTERCOM's version of radio entertainment in this city.

They replaced a jazz station with pornographic talk radio. Stuff kids shouldn't be hearing on their way to school. [www.dareandmurphy.com](http://www.dareandmurphy.com)

They get Don and Mike talking to strippers and hookers, crass jokes after school at 3:00

They are simulcasting AM through an FM signal, waste of frequency and not giving citizens enough choice on our airwaves.

Everybody complains about the programming going on at radio stations these days

Since Entercom is restricted to a certain number of radio stations in this area...that process might allow me a chance to get into radio.

If ENTERCOM wanted the local newspaper owned by Knight Ridder, the Wichita Eagle and liked to own one of the **N**stations...they would lord over Wichita, the 98th largest market in America.

I lose all chance of owning a radio station if the rules are changed

CLEAR CHANNEL is already here owning the maximum radio stations and running a FOX network channel.

Every media outlet could be owned by ENTERCOM or CLEAR CHANNEL easily.

KNIGHT RIDDER could go on a media buying spree and **use** its boring ways of newspapering on TV or the radio. Look at all the cookie cutter newspapers websites around the country, the realcities sites.

Individuality comes from different ownership. Citizens need diversity in their media. Conformity and sameness happen when corporations buy all the media outlets in a city.

They only care about making money and not catering to what citizens really want to hear or **see** on their local radio and TV stations.

We can all choose not to purchase a newspaper. Its very hard to not turn a radio or TV.

I don't want to be paying for my radio, N a n d newspaper to the same company.

I simply want to own one radio station. Increasingly I and many other singular citizens have no shot at running **a** media company

The government has locked up access and there are only a few players left in the media game.

Thanks a lot gov! Your doing citizens a mighty disselvice if regulations are relaxed.

Many corporations do not have citizens best interest in mind anymore.

The \$100 million dollar salaries are a reachable goal for many executives of these companies.

They will do things to US, the people, for their own benefit.

Don't let them!

Unless some of you are angling for jobs in those companies after time at the FCC is up.

What the intentions were in your decision will come clear!

Marksrage S. Allen  
Wichita, Kansas

**From:** KathleenAbernathy  
**To:** KAQUINN  
**Date:** 1/6/038:16PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Request to FCC Chairman and Commissioners



From: joseph warnes  
To: FCC FCCINFO  
Date: 1/8/03 8:45PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

I oppose any further relaxation of limits on multiple ownership of media outlets. Allowing single companies to control more media outlets does not promote competition, diversity or localism in today's media market.

Joseph K. Warnes

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CC: Mike Powell

**From:** John Goldwyn  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** 1/8/03 9:28 PM  
**Subject:** Contemplated Relaxation of FCC Media Ownership Rules

Dear Commissioners,

We vigorously oppose the FCC's proposed relaxation of FCC media ownership rules. The inevitable result will be the concentration of media ownership in a few hands. This has a stifling affect on an open society such as ours that is built on an informed electorate. We urge you to move immediately to prevent this regulation from taking effect.

Sincerely,

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From: zauhar  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: 1/23/03 1:45PM  
Subject: Relaxation of FCC Regulation of Media Ownership

Dear Mr. Powell,

I would like to state my opposition to the reported plan to relax regulations which currently restrict ownership of multiple media outlets by a single company. The original rules, put in place in the 1940's, have already been relaxed, and the result has been the rise of media monopolies that dominate in many large markets. Further weakening or eliminating present regulations would accelerate this trend, and poses great dangers in a world where corporations already exhibit undue influence in controlling the flow of vital information to the public.

Sincerely,

Randy Zauhar

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Discussion after watching Disney's "Lilo & Stitch"

DAD: "But why did the space aliens speak English, as opposed to French, or Swahili? And why did the one alien speak English with an Eastern European accent? I don't get it."

CATHERINE (age 7): "That's 'cause you don't have a good cartoon brain."

From: --alyssa --  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: Sat, Jan 18, 2003 6:31 PM  
Subject: <No Subject>

Back in the second world war, Italy's fascist government led by Benito Mussolini controlled all forms of media to mold the public into the type of citizens that the State needed. The media contained tons of fascist slogans and ideas to brainwash the public into believing whatever the government wanted them to believe. In this democratic society that we live in, I would like to think that we, the people, have the human right to express our own ideas and emotions and therefore I am opposed to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

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**From:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**To:** KAQUINN  
**Date:** Fri, Jan 24, 2003 9:48 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: oppose media concentration

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**From:** kdmbrc@aol.com  
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I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate, or even attempt to demonstrate, the negative effects that media deregulation and consolidation have had on the diversity of our media. While there may indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented has been severely limited.

The right to conduct an informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was renewed in the marketplace of diverse ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge and consolidate further, our **ability** to **have** an open, informed discussion from a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

Also, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February of 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public. The rarified, lawyerly atmosphere of an FCC rulemaking is not an appropriate decision-making venue when questions as profound as the freedom of our media are at stake. I encourage the Commissioners to come out and meet some of the people who do not have a financial interest in this issue, but a social interest.

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Thank you,  
**Kerri McCoy**

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**Date:** Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:10 **AM**  
**Subject:** FCC protect media independence

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